

heavy fire on the flank and rear of our lower batteries, and compelled our troops to fall back a short distance. The loss on our side was Private W. H. Anrum, of the Palmetto Guard, killed on the field, and five others severely wounded, two of them mortally, and since dead. The last words of the gallant young Anrum were an exhortation to his comrades to press on and save their pieces, regardless of himself. Eight artillery horses and one ambulance mule were killed. No casualties occurred among the infantry.

In consequence of the loss of our horses, two howitzers were left behind, which were afterwards brought in, at a later hour in the evening. The expedition was well planned, but partly miscarried from unavoidable contingencies. Our troops, however, have been stimulated by the trial, and will yet show what they are able to accomplish whenever they are called upon for action.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THIRD DAY.**  
We have had nothing of special interest to note since our last issue. Between 10 and 11 o'clock on Monday morning five shells were thrown into the city. No one was injured.

At Fort Sumter all is quiet. Colonel Elliott, commanding, reports that the enemy has now but one light gun bearing upon the fort. All day Monday signalling was noticed going on between the Yankees on Morris Island and the fleet outside. The number of vessels inside the bar, etc., is about the same as usual.

**ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOURTH DAY.**  
The enemy fired ten more shells at the city between two and three o'clock Tuesday morning, five of which fell short. During the day some heavy firing was heard in the direction of Stono and Secessionville, the cause of which was not ascertained. About six o'clock Tuesday evening the enemy re-opened fire on the city, and kept it up until seven o'clock.—Twelve shells were thrown, with about the usual effect, the damage being comparatively trifling.

Our batteries kept up a constant fire on the enemy throughout the day, and ceased firing at night.

Affairs at Fort Sumter continues quiet.—There was no change of importance among the vessels of the fleet.

**CHARLESTON, Dec. 26.**—Seven shells were fired at the city this morning. Nobody hurt. The firing heard in the direction of Stono was an engagement between our batteries at Secessionville and the enemy at Light House inlet, on Black Island. The gunboats were also shelling Johnson's Island. No casualties reported. The Yankees are throwing up heavy works opposite Secessionville; they are also landing more guns at the Inlet. They have commenced dragging the channel abreast of Wagner with two barges, for the supposed purpose of raising the Weelawken. The enemy are again at work upon Gregg, and have reopened the embrasure, with 10-inch Columbiads bearing upon Fort Sumter.—*Columbia Guardian.*

### TELEGRAPH NEWS.

**FROM RICHMOND.**

**RICHMOND, December 28.**—One hundred and twenty of Averill's raiders have been received at the Libby prison.

Commissioner Ould sent down five hundred Yankees in exchange for the Confederates brought to City Point; but embraced the opportunity to inform Hitecock the Confederate authorities could hold no communication with General Butler, and requested that no further efforts be made at a partial exchange of prisoners.

The recent fire in Yorktown resulted in the loss of not less than one million dollars to the Yankee government. The fire broke out in a hospital and extended to the arsenal provided with magazines. A tremendous report followed. Exploding shells and burning beams were scattered in every direction. Twenty-five persons were injured and every house in the town damaged.

The next morning the main magazine was reached. The explosion which took place shook the earth for many miles around.

**FROM THE WEST.**

**DALTON, December 29.**—Intelligence having reached here day before yesterday that a large wagon train belonging to the enemy was moving from Chattanooga towards Knoxville. Major General Wheeler was ordered to take what troops of his command that could be spared from the front and, if possible, to capture it.

His force, sixteen hundred strong, under the immediate command of Brigadier General Kelly, reached Cleveland yesterday morning.—Finding that the train had not pursued that route, he pushed towards Charleston, Tenn., when he encountered a brigade of the enemy and drove them to their reserves, within two miles of that place. Our little band had the mortification to see the last of the wagon train pass through the town safely.

The enemy's force was computed at eight thousand infantry. Orders were given to fall back, when a Yankee cavalry force of five thousand, which had been thrown out to flank our troops, was observed, and their object completely frustrated by the skill of our commander. The enemy's approaches were cautious, as if apprehensive of an ambush. They

evinced no disposition to charge, but kept up a running fire with revolvers.

The retreat was conducted with consummate skill and success. Lieut. Pointer, of General Wheeler's Staff, was indebted to his courage and coolness for a narrow escape. Two of the enemy had their sabers drawn over his head and demanded his surrender, when he deliberately drew a pistol, killed one, and the other fled after discharging his revolver, the shot passing through that officer's overcoat. Our casualties sum up two killed, five slightly wounded and six taken prisoners. The loss on the part of the enemy was six killed and ten or twelve taken prisoners.

**LATEST FROM TEXAS, ARKANSAS AND LOUISIANA.**  
**ATLANTA, December 28.**—Later intelligence from Houston, Texas, December 3d, via Shreveport, La., December 18th, has just been received.

General Kirby Smith has taken the field against the Yankees in Arkansas. The enemy hold Little Rock with a force supposed to be five thousand strong, under the command of Steele. The season is dry, and the country is in excellent condition for military movements. The rivers are lower than they have been known for years.

In Texas the Yankee invasion is the sole topic. Young and old are pressing to the scene of action with unprecedented unanimity. The people are moving their negroes and driving their cattle into the interior, stripping the coast and leaving an open belt of fifty miles wide.

The enemy at Matagorda Pass are preparing to advance along the beach to the mouth of the Brazos river. The Yankee marine batteries on the steamers on the Mississippi, have committed great havoc on the West side of the river. The enemy have been raising some ten miles inland, stealing everything, even down to negro blankets.

**LATEST EUROPEAN NEWS.**

**RICHMOND, December 27.**—We have advices from Liverpool to December 12.

The Confederate steamer *Pamparo* has been formally seized by the Customs authorities. The *Rappahannock* is rapidly approaching completion at Calais.

Russia, in her reply to the proposition for an European Congress, expresses an ardent desire for the pacification of Europe by an understanding between the sovereigns; but says it is indispensable that the Emperor of the French should define the basis upon which the understanding should be established.

The *Alabama* was expected at Madras. The Confederate Loan was quoted at 35 a 45. The Liverpool Cotton Market was firmer, and prices 1-2d. higher. Consols 91.

The British Crown lawyers have pronounced the condemnation of British bark *Springbok* by the New York District Court illegal and vexatious, and Lord Lyons is to remonstrate.

The *Baltimore Gazette* says that the two steamers built at Glasgow for the Confederates have been purchased by the Russian Government.

**ORANGE C. H., December 26.**—Gen. Rosser made a circuit of the entire Yankee army during the past week. Starting from Fredericksburg and entering the Valley at Conrad's Store, he burnt the bridge over Pope's Head Run, near Langston Station, just out from Alexandria, capturing and destroying the troops left as guard. Owing to the high water and bad weather, he was prevented from doing more. Gregg's Yankee cavalry pursued but did not overtake him. Rosser was forced to swim the Bull Run. Our loss was very slight, if any.

The enemy, while in pursuit, destroyed two tanneries containing leather, at Sperryville, Rappahannock county. Also, two tanneries, a flour mill, and some Government workshops at Tusa, in Page county. They committed many other excesses, including the taking away of negroes, and shot a Confederate named Smedley, at Washington, Rappahannock county, after surrendering.

Parties just from Culpeper report the enemy to be pulling down all the vacant and outhouses in their lines, including all the churches, to construct winter quarters. The enemy are issuing rations to citizens in Culpeper county.

The enemy moved some infantry as far in this direction as Mitchell's Station, on Thursday evening, to act as front pickets and relieve the cavalry to go rearwards to recruit.

**FORT JACKSON.**—The mutiny of black troops in the pay of the Yankees is a feature in the war. It will prove a thorn to the Yankees and provoke disagreeable suggestions in Boston and Exeter hall. The example is one likely to become contagious. Sambo has already found out that Yankees do not know how to treat respectable darkies. It takes the Southern gentleman to know how to place and to appreciate him. The suggestion has been made that President Davis ought at once to offer by proclamation freedom to every Southern negro who is enlisted in the Yankee army, on condition of coming to our lines, with his arms and accoutrements. A general contraband Hegira following such a proclamation would astonish and frighten Abraham Lincoln out of at least two years of his time of perpetual dictator.

Gen. Banks, by the way, is having his temper sadly ruffled by events in his military dominions. Dick Taylor bangs his generals wherever he meets them; the Mississippi river is too hot for his transports, and now his niggers have turned upon him, murdered all the Yankee officers over them, and are holding Fort Jackson for the benefit of their lawful masters. Banks must be disgusted.—*Mobile Register.*

The girls—may God bless them in good time with the best husbands the army affords—are plying their tiny fingers zealously for the benefit of the soldiers. The *Savannah Republican* says:

The knitting of socks, gloves, and neckties has been a regular employment among them, and many a dollar has passed through our hands alone, that was the product of their savings and handwork. We have before us now the noblest contribution of them all. Little Bessie Hamilton, of Bryan County, has sent us an excellent pair of socks, and one hundred dollars, which, in a note accompanying them, she begs us to give as a "Christmas present" to the sick and wounded soldiers.

### Tribute to the Memory of Charles J. Shannon.

At a meeting of the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Camden, held on the 27th inst., present, Rev. S. H. HAY, Pastor, and John Workman, W. H. R. Workman, R. J. McCreight and A. M. Kennedy, Ruling Elders. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Since the last meeting of the Session of this Church, we have been called upon to mourn the death of a beloved and useful member—CHARLES J. SHANNON, who has been an active Ruling Elder since the 28th of October 1832, at which time he was ordained, having united with this Church on the 1st of May previous, then under the charge of Rev. S. S. Davis, D. D.—Punctual and regular in his attendance, his intercourse with his brethren in the Session was always courteous and agreeable; firm in his opinions, he ever manifested a Christian regard to the opinions of others—of sound judgment, and deeply interested in the spiritual welfare of the Church. Committed to the oversight of the Session, his views were highly valued and received with that deference to which they were entitled. In the reception of members to the church, it was always an occasion of interest to him, and none could fail to see the cordial welcome he extended to them.

On the 2d instant, having served his generation, nearly completing his 70th year, he passed from time to eternity, after a brief illness of sixteen days, to rest, we humbly trust, in the bosom of that Saviour, whose professed servant he was. Be it

Resolved, That we deeply mourn the death of our brother, C. J. SHANNON, and shall ever cherish a grateful recollection of his intercourse and brotherly regard as a member of this Session.

Resolved, That this minute be entered upon our book of record, and a page be dedicated to his memory, with his age and length of time a Ruling Elder.

Resolved, That a copy of this tribute be furnished the family of our deceased brother, and published in the Camden Journal and Southern Presbyterian. From the Minutes. A. M. KENNEDY, Clerk of Session, December 28, 1863.

### OBITUARY.

**DIED.**—In Camden, S. C., on Tuesday, December 15, 1863, aged 75 years, EMMA W. STOCKTON, wife of Lieutenant Edward C. Stockton, C. S. N.

In the communion of the Catholic Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, and in the comfort of a reasonable religious and holy hope, she sleeps in Jesus. Gentle, lovely and amiable, a warm friend, a devoted wife, a tender mother and a sincere Christian. Though a stranger among strangers, she had yet made herself a home in many hearts, who, while they mourn her early fate, must feel that she hath entered into the rest of God—lying down with her Saviour in death, to rise with Him to the life immortal. "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." H.

### IN MEMORIAM.

Fell on the 31st September on the bloody field of Chickamauga, E. L. GERALD, one of the bravest and best soldiers of the Confederacy. He entered the service of the Confederate States on the 8th of April, 1862, as private and was promoted on the 14th May, 1862, to the office of Sergeant, which post he filled with satisfaction to his officers. He behaved with gallantry in the memorable battles of Manassas Plains, the battles around Richmond, Maryland Heights, Sharpsburg, Gettysburg and Chickamauga, where he expired, pierced through the heart, noble doing his duty in command of Co. K, 2d Co. C. Regiment. His native District has reason to be proud of him, cause to mourn his loss. He sleeps the sleep of the brave. Peace to his ashes. A FRIEND.

### NOTICE.

ALL persons having claims against the estate of A. J. Wilson, deceased, will present the same duly attested to me, and all persons indebted to said estate will please make payment to me of their respective indebtedness at an early day. J. J. HUCKABEE, Administrator.

January 1 3m

### TAX NOTICE.

ALL persons having a business or profession registered, are required to take out a new registry from the 1st instant, and pay the same. Also, to make returns of sales and pay on the same for the quarter ending 31st ult.

The tax on income and salaries, rents and all other occupations are now due, and returns are required to be made during the month of January. The Assessor will be found at my office every day (Sundays excepted) during the month of January. Notice will be given when the Assessor will visit the different precincts in the District. A. M. KENNEDY, January 1 5 C. 17th C. D.

**MILLERS ALMANAC FOR 1864 FOR SALE AT THE POST OFFICE.**  
January 1

### CIRCULAR.

To the Several Soldiers' Boards of Relief in the State. COMPTROLLER-GENERAL'S OFFICE, COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 23, 1863.

**THE SOLDIERS' BOARDS OF RELIEF IN THE** several Districts and Parishes of this State, are hereby notified that, under the requirements of the Act of December 17, 1863, entitled "An Act to make provision for the support of the families of soldiers from this State in the Confederate and State service, the amount appropriated by said Act has been apportioned upon the basis of the white population shown by the census of 1859, and set forth in the schedule below. The Act aforesaid requiring the provisions of the "Act to make appropriations in aid of the families of soldiers," &c., ratified December 18, 1863, to be observed, notice is also hereby given that after one fourth of the amount now subject to the draft of the Chairman of each Board has been drawn from the Treasury, a statement of the transaction of each Board is required to be made to the Treasurer of the Division in which the Board is located, before any further payment can be made, which will be thereafter upon quarterly drafts upon the Treasury.

Chairmen of the respective Boards are particularly requested to communicate with this office as soon as they are prepared to proceed in the discharge of their duties. Particular attention is called to the Act of December 17, 1863, (published in the *Guardian*, of 21st inst.) in all respects, and especially to the reports to be made to this office before the first day of February next, which reports should give the information required in tabular statements, in conformity with the provisions of said Act. JAMES A. BLACK, Comptroller General.

### APPORTIONMENT.

Abbeville	\$18,316 67
Anderson	22,468 48
Barnwell	20,823 47
Chester	12,844 60
Chesterfield	12,483 30
Clarendon	6,962 86
Darlington	16,601 93
Edgefield	25,395 02
Fairfield	11,925 62
Greenville	27,504 42
Kershaw	8,595 03
Lancaster	10,570 96
Laurens	17,392 36
Lexington	14,250 20
Marlboro	8,426 72
Newberry	11,465 89
Orange	9,342 12
Pickens	24,675 92
Richland	11,613 29
Spartanburg	31,311 13
Sumter	10,325 79
St. Mathews	3,215 54
Union	12,819 16
York	20,619 33
All Saints	2,018 50
Christ Church	1,637 99
Harry	9,862 68
Marion	15,708 62
Prince George Winyah	4,497 52
Prince Williams	2,919 96
St. Andrews	692 43
St. Bartholomew	9,912 99
St. George's Dorchester	3,863 68
St. James Goose Creek	3,093 07
St. James' Santee	798 58
St. John's Berkeley	1,918 88
St. John's Colleton	1,841 91
St. Helena	2,077 29
St. Luke's	2,418 60
St. Paul's	1,693 51
St. Peter's	3,205 75
St. Philip and St. Michael's	48,593 52
St. Stephen	4,169 30
St. Thomas and St. Dennis	440 95
Williamsburg	8,213 77
January 1 1	\$360,000 00

### SPECIAL NOTICE.

ALL THOSE KNOWING THEMSELVES INDEBTED in any wise, and especially for advertising job work and subscription to THE CAMDEN CONFEDERATE, will make immediate settlement by note or cash, by the first of February next, as I wish to close my books by that time. Those at a distance from the town may address the undersigned at Camden, S. C. All others may find him at his office, in the rear room of Mr. J. M. Gay's store room, 137 Entrance—North side of the Market. J. T. HERSHMAN, January 1

### NOTICE.

To the Planters of Kershaw and Lancaster Districts.

HAVING been authorized by Major J. B. E. SLOAN, Controlling Quartermaster of South Carolina, and Major C. S. CARRINGTON, Q. M. Chief of Forage Department, Richmond, Virginia, to collect the Tax in Kind, and Forage of my entire District.

I most respectfully inform the Planters of Kershaw and Lancaster Districts, that I am now prepared to issue what tickets may be required to hold their Tithes of Corn and Oats. My Agent, Mr. W. M. D. STYRON (whose headquarters are at Camden) is authorized to receipt in my name for whatever Corn and Oats may be delivered to him, and in every instance his receipt will be a good voucher to the Assessor for the amount specified.

I beg that every Planter will feel it his duty to give the above notice his prompt attention, as our armies are much in need of corn and oats.

I am authorized purchasing Quartermaster for District No. 6, and as the price of corn has been put up to \$2 50 per bushel, I trust every bushel not absolutely required for home consumption will be reported to my agent, who is always ready to buy and pay the money for the same. Very respectfully, JAMES SOWERS, Capt. and A. Q. M. Florence, S. C., December 12, 1863.

January 1

### A Good Chance to Invest Profitably.

THE entire outfit of the *Horry Dispatch*, including Press, Type, &c., all nearly new, will be sold at a bargain. Buy while you can. Apply to Gilbert & Darr, Sumter, S. C.

### AT PRIVATE SALE.

SEVERAL PARCELS OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE in the town of Camden. Also, several likely and valuable Negroes, among them house servants, washerwomen, seamstresses, &c., belonging to the residuary estate of the late Charles J. Shannon.

If not disposed of at private sale, the above property will be sold at public sale, before the Market, in Camden, on the first Monday in February next, being the first day of the month.

THOMAS E. SHANNON, } Executors.  
WM. M. SHANNON }  
January 1